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SUBJECT: 1975 A AND B COMMITTEE, AFTERNOON, APRIL 15,
AGENDA, ITEM ONE, AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1974

REF: STATE 83435

1. FIRST SESSION OF A AND B COMMITTEE MET ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 15, 3-6 PM. FIRST AGENDA ITEM WAS AGENCY'S
ACCOUNTS FOR 1974 AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT
(GOV/1732).

2. U.K. CONGRATULATED SECRETARIAT THAT ARREARAGES WERE
AT LOWEST POINT IN YEARS. PHILIPPINES QUESTIONED EXCESSIVE
TRAVEL OVERRUN OF OVER \$17,000 BY UNIT FOR EXECUTIVE
MANAGEMENT (PAGE 57, WHICH WAS DIRECT CRITICISM OF WHAT
ITS REP. CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE TRAVEL BY DG) AND
ASKED FOR EXPLANATION. ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON
RATE AT WHICH UNDP SOURCES FOR TA WHICH HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED
BY AGENCY. FRG ALSO CONGRATULATED SECRETARIAT ON
REDUCTION OF ARREARAGES, THEN POINTED OUT, IN SWIPE AT
LDC'S THAT OF 55 COUNTRIES RECEIVING TA, 22 WERE IN
ARREARS AS OF 31 MARCH 1975 ON VOL. CONTRIBUTION PLEDGES
AND 5 SHOW REGULAR BUDGET ARREARAGES. URGED
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SECRETARIAT, AS "MATTER OR ORDERLINESS" TO LOOK INTO

RESOLUTION THIS DISCREPANCY. INDIA NOTED ARREARAGES INCLUDED 2 STATES, NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS, HAVE LEFT AGENCY AND WONDERED HOW AGENCY PLANNED COLLECT FROM THEM.

3. SECRETARIAT (ENNOR, USA) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FRG PLEA ON ARREARAGES VIS A VIS TA, SAYING THIS COMMENT LAST YEAR MADE COLLECTION JOB EASIER. RESPONDING TO PHILIPPINES QUESTIONS ON TRAVEL OF EXECUTIVES, POINTED OUT SUBJECT OVERRUN NOT CONFINED TO EXECUTIVE TRAVEL (READ DG) BUT REPRESENTED 10 STAFF MEMBERS AND TOTAL OF 310 MAN DAYS OF TRAVEL, LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO MEMBER STATE INVITATIONS TO SPEAK, TO OPEN CONFERENCES AND ATTEND OFFICIAL MEETINGS. REPORTED THAT IN 1973 APPROX. 67 PERCENT OF UNDP FUNDS IMPLEMENTED AND IN 1974 IAEA WAS ONE OF FEW IO'S EXCEEDING 100 PERCENT OF UNDP TARGET IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

4. DISCUSSION AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS CONCLUDED WITH CHAIR (BULGARIA) SAYING HE UNDERSTOOD CONSENSUS OF MEETING WAS THAT COMMITTEE AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN GOV/1732 AND THAT IT APPROVES DOCUMENT AND RECOMMENDS SECRETARIAT PREPARE DOCUMENT FOR JUNE BOARD AND SEPTEMBER GENERAL CONFERENCE. US ENDED DISCUSSION BY RECOMMENDING RECORD SHOW GRATITUDE FOR WORK OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR. LABOWITZ

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